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## Drop Off Your Prescription Drugs at the Village Center Saturday, September 29 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Councilmember Maurice Trebach's suggestion, the Village Center will be a host site for **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** on Saturday, September 29. A Montgomery County Police officer will be here to collect and safely



dispose of your unwanted or expired prescription drugs. (Look for the officer in the Village Center lobby.) This will be on the same day as our Taste of Friendship Heights event, so you can drop off your pills and go straight to the Taste!

The prescription drug take-back program, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, addresses a vital

public safety and public health issue. Medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than those who use cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.